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LOOKING AT WITNESSES AT LINCOLN

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LINCOLN, July 26.—(Special.)—Vic McCarty, alleged to be the leader of the Sarpy county gang which despoiled the Dawson's of their property, and for which an inquiry is now on foot at the request of the British legation at Washington, was in Lincoln today. It was stated that he was in town to see a man named Dan Lawrence, who is working at Forbe's livery barn. It is said Vic desires to secure his attendance at the South Omaha hearing Monday, which, at Governor Holcomb's request, has been arranged for by the county attorney. Vic asserts that Lawrence worked in a livery stable in Sarpy county at the time of the trouble between himself and the Dawson's. At present McCarty is city marshal and constable at Bellevue, Sarpy county, and does the work of deputy sheriff at that end of the county. McCarty intimates that the Bee is stirring up all this trouble, and says that when the governor requested Sheriff Drexel to investigate the matter he was obliged to do so, but he is doing nothing whatever to influence his report to the governor, but now that the Bee has intimated that the Douglas county officials have manifested a disposition to shield him, he proposes to bring in his witnesses and make a showing.

He saw Lawrence and secured a promise that he would be present at the hearing. It was evident from McCarty's talk that he was depending largely on a certain political element in his vicinity to shield him.

IN TROUBLE OVER HOOPS

John Vincent is under arrest at the police station. The officers say he is suspected of being a hog thief, and it is thought he stole the pork two nights ago. This John Vincent, a resident near Hickman, reported that he had lost some hogs, and when shown those taken from Vincent identified them as his own.

ESCAPED LUNATIC CAUGHT.

Today Sheriff Elkay of Plattsmouth came to Lincoln with a man named Mike Duppre, formerly of Plattsmouth, who was caught at Weeping Water. Duppre escaped from the insane asylum here July 20 and was caught at the latter place.

J. E. Cobbley of Beatrice has brought suit against the printing firm of Pace, Williams & North of this city for \$5,000 damages for libelous articles published in the latter city. Cobbley had printed 6,000 copies of Cobbley's Consolidated Statutes.

Manager Horace A. Lincoln park has sold a pair of his buffalo to a Chicago man, who will ship them to Liverpool, England.

Omaha people in Lincoln. E. T. Knapp, at the Lincoln. C. S. Carrier, W. P. McFarland, George B. Carr, George W. Poyntson, A. M. Jeffrey, H. H. Hays.

Charles A. Crate of the Lincoln hotel left for Omaha tonight, to be absent a few days.

DIFFERENCE FROM LAST YEAR.

Crop Conditions as Compared with

SNYDER, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—A year ago today the hot wind ruined everything, especially corn, in this community. Today opened up with a beautiful shower, the finest good rain for two weeks, and more rain will surely follow from all appearance.

Today's shower refreshed corn and garden truck. Harvesting is well advanced. The corn is over-ripened, with joy over the immense small grain crop. Threshing machines have all gone out, and reports come in of large averages in both wheat and oats.

WYMAN, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—The thermometer registered 100 degrees today. A strong south wind has been blowing since morning, but has not been hot enough to damage crops.

SYRACUSE, Neb., July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—A strip of country about twelve miles wide and extending south to the Missouri and north to the Cass county line has missed the recent rains and is suffering badly from the drought.

WAYNE, Neb., July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Harvest is nearly over, and wheat and oats crops far exceed any previous year in the history of Wayne county. Some oats have been threshed, averaging 40 bushels per acre. The corn crop is in good condition.

ALBION, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—Reports of the first of the crop of finishing have been received. Riley Bros.' field of nineteen acres of barley yielded sixty-four and a half bushels per acre. W. W. Quackenbush's field of 100 acres yielded 43 bushels of barley from four and a half acres. With such reports it is not surprising that the Boone county would have but half a crop of oats, with wheat, barley and rye a light yield. Never in the history of this county has there been such a big crop of small grain as stands on the fields from one end of the county to the other at the present time.

BIG SPRINGS, Neb., July 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Today has been a regular scorcher. The thermometer registered 104 in the shade, and the breeze during the greater part of the day.

DECATUR, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—In spite of the fact that the ground here is in a local shower this morning, sufficient to insure an average crop, harvesting of the small grain is about over, and the biggest crop has been realized that has been known for years. Oats are averaging 40 bushels per acre, and what is easily made. Small grain is in the same wonderful proportion.

FULLERTON, July 26.—(Special.)—One of the largest crops of small grain ever grown in this county has been harvested. There has been no rain here for three weeks or more.

WANT THE SCREENS REMOVED. Plattsmouth W. C. T. U. Objects to Certain Methods of Saloon Men.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—An interesting row has arisen in this city over the license saloon question. Three weeks ago a committee of the local Woman's Christian Temperance union addressed a communication to Mayor Newell, in which complaint was made against saloon men being permitted to obstruct the view into their places of business by maintaining screens in the windows. The mayor referred the communication to the council, and that body instructed the chief of police to remove the screens. The council took up the question of reform with a vengeance, and Sunday places, liquor selling on Sunday, disorderly houses and other evils were ordered abated. Mayor Newell was not present at this week's meeting, and the council proceeded to revoke the reform legislation passed at the previous session and by a vote of 10 to 4 ordered it expunged from the records.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union strongly reprobated the action of the council, and almost every issue of the local paper contains a communication on the subject. The council insists that the saloon should be regulated by the county board of commissioners as any violation of the statutes is concerned, and the action of the county authorities since the burden has been shifted to them is awaited with keen interest, inasmuch as the Woman's Christian Temperance union women insist that the saloon screen must go.

VOTED THE BONDS. Fullerton, Neb., July 26.—(Special.)—The election yesterday on bonding the school district for \$5000 for an addition to the school building and additional school grounds resulted favorable to the bonds, and work will be commenced as soon as possible.

The Nance County Teachers' Normal is in session under the management of County Superintendent Campbell. The instructors are

NOT IN THE GOVERNOR'S CONTROL.

Attorney General Churchill's Opinion of the Institute for the Deaf.

LINCOLN, July 26.—(Special.)—A few days since Governor Holcomb asked Attorney General Churchill to prepare an opinion regarding the respective powers of the chief executive and the Board of Public Lands and Buildings over the various state institutions with which each had to deal. In order to facilitate the work the request of the governor was formulated in three questions, as follows:

First—Is the Institute for the Deaf, located at Omaha, of the same general class or character as that of the Nebraska Institute for the Blind, located at Nebraska City? I ask the attorney general to state his opinion regarding the management, control and supervision of these institutions.

Second—Is the Institute for the Deaf, located in the meaning of section 19, article V of the constitution? The section reads: "The commissioner of public lands and buildings, the secretary of state, treasurer and attorney general shall form a board, which shall have general supervision and control of all the buildings, grounds and lands of the state prison, asylums and other institutions thereof, except those for educational purposes, and all public buildings and lands subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by law."

Third—In the appropriations of public funds by the legislature for the various state institutions, has the Board of Public Lands and Buildings the approval of claims and the right to refuse to pay for the same? If so, in what manner, and under what conditions, as mentioned in section 1, article VI, chapter 53, and under what conditions, in the opinion of the attorney general, which is a lengthy document, answers the three questions by saying that the Omaha Institute for the Deaf is not within the meaning of the term educational institution.

In his various definitions quoted the attorney general says that the word "educational" means "the purpose of promoting the intellectual, moral and physical improvement of the individual, and the maintenance of the public health, and the promotion of the general welfare of the community."

The attorney general quotes a great many authorities in support of his position. He also directs attention to the fact that the legislature of 1872, which passed the law authorizing the Board of Public Lands and Buildings to have charge of state institutions, was largely composed of ex-members of the Nebraska State Bar Association, and that he has been led to put the same construction upon the definition of the term asylum which was contained in the act of 1872.

He also quotes a decision of Chief Justice Lake and Justices Maxwell and Gault, in which the two former hold that the Institute for the Deaf at Omaha is not an educational institution. The Hon. Justice Gault filed a dissenting opinion at the time.

Fremont Thieves Fined. FREMONT, July 26.—(Special.)—There have been many complaints made to the police lately about truck being stolen from the different gardens in the city. Yesterday J. Body, S. McCoughlin and E. Traux were arrested, charged with stealing the cart in which the truck was being taken to the market. They were fined \$25 and costs.

A few days ago William Goodman's road cart disappeared. He found it today in the possession of John Milledge and Jo Betts. It was in the same condition it was in when it was taken, except that one wheel had been changed. Milledge was arrested, charged with stealing the cart. He pleaded not guilty, and will have a trial tomorrow. He claims to have bought the cart in Lincoln, and that it was stolen from the city. The cart was found in the possession of John Milledge and Jo Betts. The cart was found in the possession of John Milledge and Jo Betts.

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Most of the Money This Year Has Been Expended Near the Mouth.

FORTY-FIVE MILES OF PERMANENT WORK

Annual Report of the Commission Showing in Detail the Results Accomplished at Omaha and Other Important Points.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The annual report of the Missouri River commission, showing the work performed during the past fiscal year on the Missouri and its tributaries, has been received by the chief of engineers. The report shows the expenditures on this work for the year to have been as follows: Missouri, \$33,379; Gasconade river, \$2,851; Osage river, \$3,953; there is still available for the work on the Missouri \$45,794; on the Gasconade, \$2,950, and on the Osage, \$2,850.

The greater part of the work done was on what is designated as the first reach of the Missouri, extending from the head of Murray's head to the mouth of the river, a distance of 155 miles. Upon this section of the stream the commission is engaged in carrying out a systematic and continuous improvement, revetting the shores when necessary, constructing dykes, and building construction works. The first forty-five miles to the mouth of the Gasconade has been the scene of the most important work.

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WASHINGTON, July 26.—The officials of the State department are at present anxiously awaiting information from Ambassador Eustis as to the manner in which the second demand for the record of the Waller correspondence which was held in Tananarive had been received by France. It is now learned definitely that the French government refused to furnish the record upon the first presentation of the request, and that this refusal was met by a more positive and pressing demand for all the papers. The department is informed by Mr. Eustis that this demand has been presented.

There has been quite sufficient time for a reply, but none has been received. The course of the French in their refusal to supply a record is considered most unusual, and as no explanation was vouchsafed, the department is at a loss to know upon what grounds it was based. The position is gaining ground that France's refusal to furnish the record is due to a desire to keep public to revelations made in the letters from Waller which were intercepted by French authorities concerning the misconduct of some of the French soldiers.

In letters which have been received here from Waller during the past few days he reveals the fact that in his letters to his wife he informed her of various outrages committed upon the native women of Tananarive, and gives such a graphic account of some of these proceedings as to reflect on the French soldiers in Madagascar in a way which the French authorities might not desire to be published to the world.

There is good reason for believing that in case of a second refusal by France to supply the record, the third demand will be more peremptory. The State department authorities consider the case as one of importance, because liable to develop some very delicate and intricate questions of policy. It is known that Secretary Gresham took this view of it, and it is believed that while he has not ever made any formal statement on the subject, Secretary Gresham took this view of it, and it is believed that while he has not ever made any formal statement on the subject, Secretary Gresham took this view of it.

TAKING AN INTEREST IN WALLER. Governor of Kansas Urges the Department to Take Prompt Action.

TOPPEKA, July 26.—Governor Morrill has addressed a letter to President Cleveland, again calling attention of the federal government to the imprisonment of John L. Waller by the French government. He says: "The people of our state feel that a great outrage has been perpetrated upon one of its citizens. It is not a question of race or color—it is a question of American citizenship, and through the people of our state anxious to see that justice is done, and to see that the French government is held to its obligations. It is reported through the press that France has denied a respectful request on the part of the United States government for the return of Waller to this country, and that the government at Paris to visit Mr. Waller, and for a copy of the charges upon which he is alleged to have been convicted. Our people are deeply interested in the case, and are anxious to see that justice is done. It is reported through the press that France has denied a respectful request on the part of the United States government for the return of Waller to this country, and that the government at Paris to visit Mr. Waller, and for a copy of the charges upon which he is alleged to have been convicted. Our people are deeply interested in the case, and are anxious to see that justice is done. It is reported through the press that France has denied a respectful request on the part of the United States government for the return of Waller to this country, and that the government at Paris to visit Mr. Waller, and for a copy of the charges upon which he is alleged to have been convicted. Our people are deeply interested in the case, and are anxious to see that justice is done. It is reported through the press that France has denied a respectful request on the part of the United States government for the return of Waller to this country, and that the government at Paris to visit Mr. Waller, and for a copy of the charges upon which he is alleged to have been convicted. Our people are deeply interested in the case, and are anxious to see that justice is done. It is reported through the press that France has denied a respectful request on the part of the United States government for the return of Waller to this country, and that the government at Paris to visit Mr. Waller, and for a copy of the charges upon which he is alleged to have been convicted. Our people are deeply interested in the case, and are anxious to see that justice is done. It is reported through the press that France has denied a respectful request on the part of the United States government for the